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A jolly party, consisting of eighteen miners and prospectors arrived from the Stikeen river country on Sunday, November 6th. They built their boat in Glenora, and, considering the lateness of the season, and consequent low stage of water, made a good run, the trip taking just three days from Glenora.

The names and addresses of the party are as follows: G. F. Watts and Fred A. Johnston, Collingwood, Ont.; P. H. Johnston, San Jose, Cal.; John Sanson, Toronto, Ont.; Sam Brown, New Denver, B.C. These gentlemen have just returned from the Francis Lake country, having spent six weeks prospecting there and on the Finlayson River.

Harry Plamondon, Edmonton, B. C., and Harry Taylor, Tacoma, Wash., who brought in 45 head of cattle for the Gus Brown Co., of Seattle. They came in from Edmonton by way of Fort Nelson and left the cattle on Dease River near McDame's Creek for the winter.

Richard McFarlane, Wisconsin; M. A. Edgar, Andover, N. B.; Edward A. Thurston, New York City; Bruce H. Wark, Detroit and Percy W. Johnston, Dublin, Ireland. These gentlemen came over the celebrated Edmonton overland route and appear in excellent health and spirits considering the reported hardships of that journey.

C. S. McDuffee, Portland, Ore.; J. W. Whitham, Lakeside, Wash.; J. H. Fairborn, Montreal; A. Philippy, Chicago, Ill.; Jos. Mackay, and last, but, by no means least, Chas. D. Valkert, Cincinnati, Ohio, who has just returned from Atlin Lake.

The entire crew, with McWatts as captain, presented a very seamanlike appearance as they rounded the point in a heavy sea and pulled in to the C. P. R. wharf. During the week they were quartered at the Victoria rooms and departed on the "Cottage City", yesterday, for the South.

Regarding their trip down river, they report a pleasant time, excepting for the weather. It certainly was a remarkable thing, that so large a crowd should work harmoniously all day, camp serenely, without a tent, in a snow or rain storm at night, cheerfully bail the water from their beds, and light a fire in a snow pile, with water soaked driftwood, in the morning, and have no disagreements. They claim to have done all of this, and, judging from what has been seen of them this week, we are not inclined to doubt.

Some of the party are accomplished musicians, and have been amusing themselves, entertaining others during their stay.

The majority of the party express themselves as highly pleased with the prospects of the country, and intend returning early in the spring.

From the Victoria Times of Nov. 9th.: Col. Whitehead, the leader of the Gypsy Queen party, was in the city yesterday on his return journey to Chicago, taking passage for the Sound on this morning's Seattle. He registered at the Victoria under an assumed name, as he did not wish to see any one. It will be remembered that Col. Whitehead took in a party of 22 from Chicago last season, the expedition going by the Stikeen route. Many of them have returned, but the Colonel intends to go in again over the ice in the course of a month or two. A large stock of supplies for the party lies at Wrangel awaiting his return, when they will be forwarded.

COMMUNICATIONS.

This column is open to the public. All communications must be signed by the writer, not for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

We are not responsible for the views of our correspondents published under the head of communications.

Wrangel, Alaska, Nov. 18, 1898.
Mr. Editor:

Having noticed several articles in your paper regarding the organization of a literary society, and, finding that there is some misunderstanding, concerning the small organization already under way, wish to offer a few words in explanation.

The writer finds that here, bordering on the far north, where our social ties tend to be broader and more elastic, and where deprived of many privileges common in older settlements, that we, as residents of Fort Wrangel, should individually and collectively encourage that social intercourse and a hearty good time spoken of in your last week's issue. We also believe that after that spirit of comradeship has been satisfied, that feeling which is common among all people isolated from free communication with the outer world, that there should also be in Wrangel that liberty common elsewhere, namely, of small private gatherings.

A handful of friends met in a private office and discussed plans for organizing a small literary organization, first for education, and second for social culture.

Few being acquainted with the work, we decided to have our first session closed.

That a spirit of harmony might prevail until the society was stronger, we adopted a constitution admitting members by a three-fourths vote only. The object of this organization is not sectarian, nor do we want "right of way." Should a larger society be organized, many of our members would most heartily co-operate.

A MEMBER.

The Latest Fish Story.

C. E. Ingersoll was seen one day, not long ago, wending his way toward the dock.

He loafed around for an hour or two, and, finally walked up to Dad Adams, who was bossing the job of unloading some salmon, that had just been brought to the slip.

C. E. watched the unloading closely, for some time, and, then turning to Dad, asked: "Are there any dog salmon among that lot?" "About half of them," said Dad.

Then Ingersoll turned, and wandered up the wharf, and as he went, Dad heard him mutter, "The next time Dr. McAlpin gets me to go down on the wharf to hear dog salmon bark, he will be taller and older than he is now!"

The 13th anniversary of Master Mike Lynch's appearance in this world was celebrated at the Opera House, Friday evening, by a party given in his honor. Quite a number were present, and an enjoyable evening was had.

On Friday last Judge Tustin rounded another mile post, which was the occasion of a surprise party. The surprised assembled at the Custom House, and at 8 p.m. took possession of the Judge's quarters at the Court House. The evening passed rapidly and after partaking of a fine lunch the visitors departed for their homes.

Tug Resolute landed at McKinnon's wharf, last Thursday, having on board Capt. Carroll and Durie, and Mr. E. E. Caine, owner of the tug. They were up from inspecting the wrecked Brixham, with a view of raising her. A diver accompanied the party. Mr. Caine may be quoted as saying an attempt will be made to get the ship afloat again. Capt. Carroll shook hands with old friends, and the party left on their return to Seattle.

Mr. W. D. Grant has about completed his residence on Third Street, which is a model of convenience and comfort, and now has several men engaged grading and terracing the ground surrounding the same. Mr. Grant's family will soon reach Wrangel from Idaho and will become permanent residents among us. Our worthy marshal has great faith in the future of Wrangel, which is evidenced by the fact that he has just completed ten small cottages and will erect four more at once, all of which are now or will be occupied as soon as completed.

LOCAL NEWS.

W. H. Fife and wife left for Skagway on Wednesday.

H. E. Batten, of Skagway, Department of the Interior, Revenue Collector for the district of Alaska, was visiting in our city last Sunday.

Harry Ukase and Walter Shadesty are running a logging camp at the Narrows. They are getting out some fine logs, to fill a big contract for Captain Thos. Wilson.

M. Fontaine, of Minneapolis, who has just returned from the Stikeen route, says he has discovered rich diggings on an unexplored creek on the Hootalinqua river. He shows a quantity of coarse gold as evidence.

Bruce H. Wark, of Detroit, Mich., called on us yesterday and gave us a few pointers on the party of prospectors who have been entertaining the citizens for the last week. It is a pleasure to meet such men as Mr. Wark and we hope he will see his way clear to come back in the Spring.

Miss Carrie Johnston, while hurrying to catch the steamer Topeka for the north, on Tuesday evening last, fell from the sidewalk near Wakefield and Young's grocery store, a distance of nine feet. Her screams attracted people who were passing by, who carried her to the Queen City Hotel. Dr. Lapsley was summoned and attended the injured woman, who still lies in a critical condition.

M. J. Sherpy, proprietor of the Skagway News, has leased the plant and good will to Messrs. White and Rousseau. These gentlemen are live progressive business men, and we feel sure that they will look well after the interests of their town. Mr. Sherpy leaves the paper in a good healthy condition, and we trust it will continue to enjoy good health under the new management.

The new steamship Queen City, owned by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., landed at McKinnon's wharf, at 4 o'clock, Thursday morning, and left for the north at 6 o'clock. This vessel has a large freight capacity, and splendid passenger accommodations. Some of the state rooms have double berths. The ship is liberally provided with electric lights. She leaves Wrangel for the South, on her down trip, on Saturday or Sunday, for Victoria. Our old friend Mr. Brewster, late purser of the Tees, holds the same position on the Queen City, and a gentlemanly and competent person he is.

A returned Klondiker has been telling the people of Chicago that the perils of a journey to the Yukon are beyond description, and that none but those of the stoutest bodies and strongest minds should contemplate it. This fellow is somewhat belated with his jerniad. His story would have been all right a year ago, but next year it will be as easy to go to Klondike as to Chicago. All a man will have to do, is to buy a ticket via Wrangel and the Stikeen route, check his baggage, buy a box of good cigars, the latest novel, get on the boat at Seattle, and his troubles are ended until he reaches Dawson.

E. O. Madden and Frank Sussey, of the Dease country, are at the Queen's. The latter made a trip during the summer through a district which has never been prospected by white men. They ascended the Tooya river, crossed Tooya lake and then struck through an unexplored tract of country, coming out at the headwaters of the Liard river. Mr. Sussey says that he found good colors on all the streams, and along the shores of a chain of lakes in the Cassiar mountains, though the expense of packing and the imperfect means of communication render the development of their property impracticable at the present time. Mr. Madden also worked well up the Liard, choosing a different route, but finding the places all taken, he abandoned the search for these and devoted his attention to the quartz. Some splendid specimens of which he has in his possession. He shares his partner's opinion that the country is one of great wealth. Victoria Times.

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It pays to advertise. An Oklahoma girl advertised for a husband and got him. The advertisement and wedding outfit cost \$11 and within a year he died and left her \$5,000 life insurance. It pays to advertise.

The business men of Wrangel should not feel discouraged should money fail to flow as freely in the next two months as it has in the past. The low water in the Stikeen river and the prospect for an early freeze-up precludes the navigation of the river, and until the ice is suitable for travel, trade must necessarily be a little slack, but this is only temporary as all of the older persons of the town are aware. Wrangel is situated in the heart of a great mining district, the development of which is only in its "swaddling clothes", and, as it rapidly advances to the position its worth demands, so will increase the business of the chief town and the prosperity and wealth of its citizens. Besides its mining interests its waters are teeming with the finest fish in the world which are now shipped east in large quantities. When we stop to think of the enormous supply we have, and that large towns on the Atlantic Coast are supported by this industry alone, it should lend courage to every one. Then there is lumber and a hundred other less important industries that will lend their quota to our future greatness. Of one thing all can rest assured, South Eastern Alaska has two great a wealth to take a back seat, it must have a great trading centre and what place can possibly be suggested that presents the same advantages as Wrangel. Do not be discouraged because a few prospectors pass through some other town on their way to the Klondike or Atlin gold fields, for South Eastern Alaska has sufficient to satisfy the most exacting, and it will not be a great while before the world will be informed of the fact.

Shake Sam.

When God gives a man a wife and six children. He does a great deal for that fellow. But when he gives him a society woman and a poodle, He has thrown off on him. I have had some of these little old society women shake hands with me. I had as soon shake a dead fish's tail. A man said to a woman: "I hope to see more of you." She said "Come to the ball tonight." You old sisters wear high collars around your neck—that is modest and comely. But deliver me from the society women who button their collars around their waists. In cutting off the top of their dresses for the ball room and the bottom for the bicycle, they will soon have no clothes left. You preachers talk about the sweet bye and bye. You ought to talk about the nasty now and now.—Sam Jones.

GUIDE MARKS.

Every community represents certain recognized reasons which led up to its establishment. Wrangel is no exception. The preference given to a particular spot is founded upon conditions acceptable to those who locate upon it. As a rule these reasons applicable to a particular requirement are continuing reasons. It is safe to assume therefore, that Wrangel has no need to apologise for its existence. If we study the growth of towns and cities, their moving forces are discernable. Their natural advantages are apparent. The chief features of their progressive action are found to lie in the concerted and well directed efforts of their citizens.

It is evident, no matter how gracious a kindly nature has been to us, that something is due from every dweller in Wrangel to supplement these kindly conditions. At this stage to neglect such an obligation is to commit a sin, if I may so nominate it, against the place you have elected to dwell in.

We can find inspiration and develop breadth, often by looking over the heads of our immediate cares and responsibilities and observing the moving objects in a more expansive field.

The business men of British Columbia are English it is true, but they have no specially inviting business territory outside of Canada. She has a great reaching ground to the northward, and has already felt the glow of a newly enkindled commerce as she stands upon its threshold. An organization is being perfected by them to run a line of steamers from San Francisco to Victoria and from Victoria to serve the Alaskan waters. Nothing would justify the operation of these vessels, except the fact that behind the shore lines lies a vast region which claims the world's attention, and implies the movement of goods and people. We read too that our old friend, the Tartar, is on the run to Vladivostok, the terminus of the great Russian-Siberian railroad, which point is practically the only harbor open to the world's commerce which she possesses. We read too of a shipload of salted salmon shipped to Japan. Every day and every hour the business with the orient grows with enormous strides. It is a noiseless cumulative current which will grow in volume, in its service with teeming millions, until within the next half century the north pacific ocean will count its busy steamers by the thousand.

The Philippines may become American territory or not. The chances are they will, but American influence there will create an American business and from thence reach into broader fields. To everybody's surprise the conclusion of the late war has left us with liberated wings to soar out of our self satisfied provincialism and exposes vast possibilities for commercial expansion. Taken in a purely negative way these influences alone would reflect some of its inspiring rays upon us, and they will, but it brings us face to face with that obligation, to do something ourselves with double force.

It is upon the principle of a man seeking distinguished guests. He touches up the dwelling; he brightens his carpets; he polishes his door knob and washes his sidewalk.

In conclusion, let us admit that no body of men can make Wrangel a great city over night, but they can do those little, necessary, local things to make the town acceptable and desirable to those, who travelling upon the longer highways find it necessary to linger here.

Glimpses of the stored riches of Alaska have arrested the attention of the world. For centuries to come new sources of wealth will be discovered in Alaska. Let us at once make our town seemly; provide a way for positive title to land; demand intelligent legislation and work to the end that before the piling of many moons we may have a population sufficient to create a state that we may have the divine sovereignty in the making of our own laws applicable to our peculiar needs.

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Summons for Publication.

In the United States Commissioner's Court, for the District of Alaska, at Wrangel, Alaska.
The Seattle Hardware Company, plaintiff,
vs.
The Explorers and Travelers Company, defendant.

In the name of the President of the United States:
To the Explorers and Travelers Company, defendant:

You are hereby commanded, to be and appear before the undersigned United States Commissioner, for the District of Alaska, at his office in Wrangel, on Monday the 9th day of January, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to answer the above named plaintiff in a civil action. And you will take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$125 together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Given under my hand and seal at Wrangel, Alaska, this 18th day of November, 1898.

FRED. PAGE-TUSTIN,
U. S. Commissioner for the District of Alaska, at Wrangel.

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The citizens of Wrangel, in the District of Alaska, by their Chamber of Commerce, respectfully represent:

That the town of Wrangel is one of the oldest towns within the District of Alaska, and is tributary to a very large territory, known as South Eastern Alaska. It is located at the mouth of the Stikeen river, and is a port where all vessels of consequence stop, going both north and south, and a large amount of Canadian goods are shipped into portions of the Canadian possessions by way of said port, for which purpose, fifteen river steamers were employed during the past season, carrying freight and passengers up the said river.

We are informed and believe, and therefore state, that a very large proportion of the criminal and civil business in the District of Alaska originates from the territory in and tributary to said town of Wrangel.

That the Act of Congress of May 17, 1884, in Section 3, provides that one term of the District Court shall be held once in each year, at Wrangel, beginning on the first Monday of November.

That on the first Monday of this present month of November, a term of said District Court was opened by the deputy United States Marshall and immediately adjourned to a future day, to meet at Juneau, and your petitioners state: that the reason no term of court can be held at Wrangel is, because there are no sufficient accommodations to hold such a court. Further, that the old dilapidated building used as a jail, is inadequate and unsafe in which to confine prisoners charged with crime.

That the Custom officers at Wrangel have no sufficient or proper buildings in which to carry on the business of the office.

There is no provision at Wrangel for a postoffice building, and the building now used as a postoffice is entirely inadequate to the requirements. Wrangel being a distributing point for Shakan, Jackson, Howcan and Klawak, all on Prince of Wales Island, Mary Island, Metlakahla, Ketchikan, Saxman and Loring, and separate sacks to Juneau for distribution as postoffice adjacent to here and besides mail distributed here for points in Alaska, there is, at this time, 1500 pounds of Canadian mail awaiting transportation.

We further state, that the records in the office of the United States Commissioner at Wrangel, are quite numerous, contained in some 20 books, all of which are of great importance to the citizens of South Eastern Alaska; but, there is no safe or fireproof vault in which to preserve the same, and a loss by fire would be of incalculable loss to our citizens.

The building at Wrangel, called the court house, is occupied in the upper story by the Indian school, and the building taken as a whole, is wholly unsuitable in which to hold a term of the District Court.

The Custom House buildings are very old and dilapidated and totally unfit for the purpose used, being insecure and inadequate to the requirements.

The jail is old, worn out and rotten, presenting easy means for prisoners to escape, in fact it is wholly unsafe for the purpose of restraining persons accused of crime.

The Marshall's office is unfit for habitation and practically useless.

The Postoffice building is insufficient for the business done therein.

That the Government reserve at Wrangel is a very desirable place for a suitable Government building, being situated on an eminence overlooking the bay, with natural drainage facilities, and water from the adjoining hills can be easily procured.

That the citizens of South Eastern Alaska are greatly in need of public buildings at Wrangel, to enable them to carry on their largely increasing business.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly ask that an appropriation of the sum of \$50,000 be made for the purpose of erecting a public building at Wrangel, for the use and occupancy of the officials of the United States government stationed at Wrangel.

And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray, etc.
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Nov. 23	Nov. 27	Nov. 31	Dec. 3	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Dec. 19
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L. H. Wakefield, of the grocery firm of Wakefield and Young, left for the Sound, on Wednesday.
A ring around the moon is a sign of rain, and a plain ring around a woman's finger indicates more reign.
Do not forget there is nothing nicer than a photograph to send to your friends, and the Wrangel Studio is the place to get it.
Remember when you need coal to get the Wellington coal. It is the best and the cheapest. The office is on the Davidge wharf.
There have been several surprise parties, birth-day parties, accidents and numerous other items of news around town, which we were unable to get particulars of.
Miss Day, who has been a resident of Wrangel some months past, left on the Topeka, for the Sound. Her departure is regretted, and followed by the good wishes of all.
M. J. Cochran returned home this week from a two weeks visit to the to the sound. The boys are glad to see him back again. He looks well, feels well, and says he is well.
A social will be given at the Y. M. C. A. next Monday evening, at the association rooms in the Seward House. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come, and help to make a success.
Jack Lindsay left on the Topeka, for Juneau, where he intends to winter. Mrs. Lindsay will follow in a couple of weeks. They made many friends while in Wrangle, who regret their leaving.
If you enjoy a good game of billiards, there is one place in town where you can find a good table, a clean room, a good looking manager, and up-to-date proprietors. The Wrangel Billiard Parlor is the place.
Case & Wilson have just received an assay on some ore sent east some time ago, and they feel pretty good. It goes \$38.10 to the ton. The claim is located on the Stikkeen river and the owners claim there are mountains of it.
Judge Willoughby Clark and wife returned on the Topeka. The judge says Wrangel is coming to the front again and he looks for good times this winter and spring. The water works is an assured fact, and good prospects for an electric light plant.
Miss Cecilia Baronavitch gave a birthday party to a few of her friends on Tuesday evening, at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. Froese. The evening was spent in playing games, music and singing. A delicious lunch was served and everybody had a good time. Miss Cecilia was the recipient of a large number of birthday presents.
Miss Hunt received a shock on Wednesday evening from which she has not yet recovered. It occurred early in the evening, and was of such a violent nature that it required the assistance of about twenty of her friends to bring her to. Cake, coffee and sandwiches were the restoratives used, after a little violent exercise, in which the house was turned up-side down. Friday morning she felt strong enough to wield the birch over the late Miss Day's school, which will be continued, in charge of Miss Hunt.

Wrangel Townsite.

The following letters furnished the Journal by Judge Willoughby Clark, need no introduction, as they speak for themselves:
Wrangel, Alaska, Sept. 28, 1898.
Hon. Binger Hermann, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington, D. C.
Sir: With reference to the Wrangel Townsite, I have the honor to refer you to the Amendment to Sec. 24 of the Regulations of June 3 1894, which provides "Such board or commission is to consist of any employee or employees of the government as shall be designated or detailed for that purpose," that is, for the purpose of selecting a suitable school site, etc. This amendment was approved Feb. 17, 1896. I now beg respectfully to state, if this regulation is so interpreted as to require one or more employees of the government to select a school site within the exterior boundaries of the townsite of Wrangel, Alaska, it will involve a further delay, and, I believe, a heavy additional expense. While I recognize the fact that the Federal Government are supplying the funds for school purposes in Alaska, and so should, perhaps, consider it proper that they should select the school sites, and use federal employees to make this selection, yet, I think, that in doing this due care should be exercised not to carry out the regulations so as to entail a heavy expense on those most interested, and I may say, the most capable of making their own selection.
Employees of the government are, of course, already under salary, and, if selected for the purpose referred to should not be allowed extra pay at the expense of the inhabitants of the Townsite. Then, again, while each employee or employees may be residents of Wrangel, yet the chances are that they will not be, or, if they are, they will be temporary only, and so not as competent to make this selection as one or more of the residents would be. Again, if this selection is made at this time, it would practically involve another survey at several hundred dollars expense, so that the tract selected may be "tied" to the plat of the exterior boundaries already in the office of the Surveyor General. I would, therefore, most respectfully urge that the Wrangel Townsite matter may be proceeded with to a survey into lots and blocks, and that the Trustee, who shall be appointed, be authorized and empowered to select a suitable block, or blocks, for the purposes mentioned and required.
I have the honor to be, sir,
Yours very respectfully,
WILLOUGHBY CLARK,
Attorney for Townsite Committee.
Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, D. C., October 25, 1898.
Mr. Willoughby Clark, Wrangel, Alaska.
Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of September 28, 1898, in which you urge the appointment of a trustee, or the detail of some employee of the government, for the duties prescribed by paragraph 24 of the circular of June 3, 1891, with relation to the townsite of Wrangel, and you further submit same remarks as to the expense of the proceeding and upon whom it should be taxed.
You are advised that Mr. E. D. Stratford, of Oregon, and Mr. H. E. Goldthwaite, of Iowa, have been appointed as Examiners of Surveys in this office, and have been detailed for the said duties, as to Wrangel and other townsites in Alaska. They have been ordered to Sitka to confer with the Surveyor General of Alaska, and from there will proceed to Wrangel. There will be no charge upon the townsites for the salaries of these gentlemen.
Very respectfully,
BINGER HERMANN,
Commissioner.
Chamber of Commerce.
The Chamber of Commerce met last Monday evening pursuant to adjournment. Quite a number of members being present, five new members added to the list. Messrs. McKinnon, Wakefield, Jensen, Campbell and Tustin were elected members of the executive board. The memorial, the full text of which appears in another column, drafted by the committee appointed for that purpose at the last meeting, was read and adopted.
NOTES.
From present indications it would appear that the Chamber of Commerce had got down to business, which will be the cause of Wrangel taking a great step in advance.
Geo. Clark made a few timely remarks about the Journal. He said it was the duty of every business man and property holder to advertise in and subscribe for the Journal. He wound up by saying: "A town without a paper is like a ship without a rudder, no good."

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Court Notes.

Martin Weldon, one of Uncle Sam's boys, was arrested on complaint and warrant charging him with assault and battery upon the person of one of the natives of Alaska. At the trial he was acquitted on the ground of having acted in self defense.

Oscar Kasheets, an old offender, was up before his honor on a charge of destroying private property. On trial a fine of \$80 and costs was assessed against him, with the privilege of remaining in jail 40 days.

George Bell, an Indian, plead guilty to being drunk and contributed \$5 to the government as a fine.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at Mr. Bloomhardt's hall, on next Thursday afternoon.

There will be an ice cream social at the same place, on that evening, to which all are invited.

Mrs. Roundtree, Secretary.

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"What I want to kdow is, did it kill him or was he only partly et up and is he from this place and all about the bare. I dont know but what he is a distant husband of mine.

"My first husband was of that name and I supposed he was killed in the war, but the name of the man the bare et being the same I thought it might be him after all and I ought to know it if ho was'nt killed either in the war or by the bare, for I have been married twice since an there ought to be divorce papers got out by him or me if the bare did not eat him all up. If it is him, you will know it by his having six toes on the left foot.

"He has a spread eagle tatoood on his front chest and a ankor on his right arm which you will know him by if the bare did not eat up these sines of its being him.

"Find all you kin about him without his knowin what it is for. That is, if the bare did not eat him all up. If he did, I don't see as you can do anything and you need't take no trouble. Please ancer back.

"P. S. Was the bare killed. Also was he married again and did he leave any prop'ty wuth me laying claims to?"

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